## News Release



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** 

November 20, 2002

Contact: John Arnold (916) 653-7090

## Ted Jackson Named Chief of California State Parks' Southern Field Division

SACRAMENTO - Ted Jackson has been named Chief of California State Parks' Southern Field Division. He is currently District Superintendent of the San Joaquin District, which includes Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Fort Tejon State Historic Park, Tule Elk State Reserve, the California State Mining and Mineral Museum and Wassama Roundhouse State Historic Park.

Bill Berry, Deputy Director for California State Parks Operations, said in announcing the appointment, "I am confident that Ted will bring a balanced perspective to the operation and management of this complex region of California. I look forward to having Ted as a valued member of our executive team."

Before becoming San Joaquin District Superintendent, Jackson served for two years as Assistant to the California State Park and Recreation Commission. Prior to joining State Parks, Jackson worked as a manager with the State Department of Consumer Affairs. He is a long-time park employee, having served as a park ranger in southern California and Folsom Lake in northern California.

As Chief of the Southern Field Division, Jackson will direct one of the largest divisions in the State Park system, a division comprised of six districts that includes the department's Angeles District, which is focusing on developing urban parks in the Los Angeles area.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be working in Los Angeles where I spent my childhood. Directing State Parks in southern California is a tremendous opportunity and I'm looking forward to the challenge," Jackson said.

###

